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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 26, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable BILL BARRETT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We look to the days ahead with grateful recognition of the opportunities before us and before all people. May Your spirit, O God, lead us to see that which is integral in our lives so that we can act on the substance of living and not focus on the insignificant or superficial. We know, gracious God, that You have called us to do great works, You command us to seek justice and mercy and to promote peace and freedom, and so we ask that with allegiance and devotion we will think and do and be the people You would have us be. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

### JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr.

COBLE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COBLE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### DESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE PORTER J. GOSS TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JANUARY 30, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 25, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable PORTER J. GOSS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, January 30, 1996.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the designation is approved. There was no objection.

### ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1996

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 1996, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday

rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

### AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1996, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING HIS EXCELLENCY JACQUES CHIRAC, PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, February 1, 1996, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Jacques Chirac, President of France.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

### FEDERAL TOBACCO POLICY

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, this week during the State of the Union Address, the President remarked that the era of big government is over; however, it seems that some agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS] are under the impression that it is business as usual, especially when it concerns tobacco products.

In 1992, Congress tasked HHS with implementing the Synar amendment designed to keep tobacco out of the hands of our children. This new congressional policy is simple: Encourage

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